Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— The honorary physicians came of their own accord. My idea is that they are doing their duty.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— They came to do service for its own sake.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I take that this 7 pies per head represents the cost of medicines supplied ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— That is what I think.

License fees—cocoanut husk retting.

301. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) if it is not a fact that the license fees on cocoanut husk retting was suspended for this year; and

(2) if it proposes to collect license fees in the year 1111;

(3) if the answer to the second part is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to re-consider its decision in view of the present hard conditions of the cocoanut grower ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— (1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Government cannot give any asssurance now for a general exemption from payment of license fees.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Are they aware of the hard conditions of the cocoanut growers? If so whether the license fees on cocoanut husk retting will be suspended this year ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— It will be considered on the merits of individual cases.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— At the time of answering this particular question was the recent cut motion passed on the department before the Hon'ble Member? Was it previous to the passing of the cut motion that this particular answer was written by the Hon'ble Member ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— The answer was given before.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— In view of the passing of the cut motion will the Hon'ble Member reconsider the position ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— I have already said that individual cases will be considered on the merits of those cases.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— At least in the merits of cases ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Most certainly.

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Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Cannot the Government promise that it will try to do it? Will the Government be pleased to say why a license fee was not levied last year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Because Government thought that it would be a hardship.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the hardship has increased this year more than last year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Government will inquire into the conditions at present existing and do the needful.

Watering places for cattle.

302. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to enquire in what all places there is real need for watering places for cattle and remedy the defect as early as possible?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar:- The matter has already engaged the attention of the Government. The Rural Reconstruction Committee during their enquiry in the several villages of the State, prepared a list of places where water supply is required for drinking and bathing for both men and cattle. In passing orders on the report the Heads of Departments concerned were asked to consider the list of Works proposed by the Committee.

Marketing officers.

303. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when were the marketing officers appointed;

(b) what is the average monthly cost on account of them and their establishment;

(c) what is the nature of their work and what are the achievements to their credit in alleviating the distress caused by the Economic Depression?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar:— (a) The Marketing Officer for Crops took charge on 28th Menam 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Dairying and Live-stock on 1st Medam 1110.

(b) Average cost for Marketing Officers per month Rs. 400.
Do. for their establishment „ 117.

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